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Subject: Anti-trust.

I am a software developer and competition with Microsoft in the high markets of office products and internet browsing products is extremely difficult. Not only did it endanger companies like Sun and Netscape (which it definitely has). It has also taken control of all the standards and bent the standards to it's own whims. I'm forced to submit resume's with their expensive word processing software because many state run job agencies require it. High percentages of websites comply only with Microsoft's type of HTML.

I feel that Microsoft has harmed and not helped our economy by stifling entrepreneurship. Microsoft now wants to increase marketshare of its operating system by making hardware specs that meet their encryption so that eventually, you cannot use other operating systems on PC hardware. This violates the injunction not to engage in additional monopolistic practices.

I started out by liking Microsoft when it competed with IBM's DOS. But ever since it has ousted IBM out of OS/2. I've begun to feel disgusted with their business practices and abuse of it's marketshare leading to inferior products. This ruling should consider what Microsoft will do in the future by seeing what they have done in the past.

In my opinion, Microsoft and the public would best benefit if Microsoft were split and sold to investors and fined for stealing intellectual property using the loopholes of the system and allowing our privacy to be compromised. Any part of Microsoft software that has potential for compromising our privacy should be opened to the public.

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